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FILE PHOTO

INDIA, CHINA HOLD FRESH ROUND OF TALKS

India and China on Thursday held a fresh round of diplomatic talks on the border standoff in eastern Ladakh, agreeing to resolve outstanding issues in an "expeditious manner" and in accordance with existing agreements, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated. MEA Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said the two sides had a "candid and in-depth" exchange of views on the LAC situation.

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SC gives Bhushan 3 days to apologise

The activist-lawyer refuses to change statement on controversial tweets, quotes Mahatma Gandhi

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday gave lawyer-activist Prashant Bhushan three days to reconsider his stand that he won't apologise for his defamatory tweets against the judiciary.

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra observed the tone, tenor and content of Bhushan's 'defiant statement' makes the matter even worse. It asked Attorney General K K Venugopal to go through Bhushan's affidavit in justification of his tweets, and see if his reply is a defence or an aggravation of contempt.

However, Bhushan told the court he won't change his statement. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, he said that he will not seek mercy to escape punishment for doing what believed was right.

Bhushan told the court, "I am pained, not because I can be punished, but because I've been misunderstood. I believe open criticism is necessary to safeguard the constitutional order. My tweets were a small attempt to discharge what I consider my highest duty."

Dushyant Dave, appearing for Bhushan, urged the court to defer the hearing on sentence as he sought to file a review petition on it. The bench, also comprising Justices B R Gavai and Krishna Murari, said if any punishment is given for contempt, it will be inflicted only after the review petition is decided.

When senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, also appearing for Bhushan, said his client has filed several cases in public interest, the bench retorted, "You may do a hundred good things but that doesn't give you the licence to do ten crimes."

The Supreme Court had, on August 14, held Bhushan guilty of criminal contempt for tweeting two derogatory comments against the judiciary. P9

My tweets were out of a bona fide attempt to discharge my duty as a citizen. I would have been failing in my duty if I did not speak up at this juncture of history. I submit to any penalty which the court may inflict. It would be contemptuous on my part to offer apology

- Prashant Bhushan

Cabinet okays 10-day House session from Sept 21

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

SIX months after its last sitting, the Karnataka legislature will be convened on September 21. The Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, on Thursday decided to hold a 10-day session, the modalities of which are yet to be finalised.

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the legislature session in March was cut short and there was no clarity on when the House would meet again. But, with the Constitution mandating that the legislature should meet at least twice a year and the gap between two sittings should not exceed six months, the State Cabinet on Thursday decided to go ahead with the session.

"The Chief Minister has asked me to hold discussions with the Assembly Speaker and Council Chairman to decide on the modalities, venue, guidelines, etc. For now, these dates have been zeroed in on for convening the session," said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy.

Apart from approving pieces of legislation to be introduced in the House to replace ordinances passed by it, the cabinet also approved two other key decisions. CONTINUED ON: P7

Inflation worries made RBI decide against rate cuts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India's six-member Monetary Policy Committee, which met for the last time in its four-year tenure earlier this month, found the spike in consumer inflation so alarming that it chose to delay taking more steps to address the "deepest contraction in history".

Minutes of the MPC meeting, released on Thursday, showed the elevated inflation reading pushed the committee members to vote for a status quo. The RBI kept the repo rate unchanged at 4%, after an unconventional 115 bps cut since March to contain the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The generalised inflationary pressures across food and CPI, excluding food and fuel, in a situation where growth is expected to contract sharply, is a matter of serious concern," said RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, adding that the slack in the economy indicates there is little risk to inflation from the demand side. Retail inflation rose to 6.93 per cent in July on account of higher food prices. P12

'LOOKING AT UP MODEL'

The state is looking at how the Uttar Pradesh government amended its laws to handle violence. "UP made effective amendments to law which we'll look at," Madhuswamy stated.

Govt will wait for police report on PFI role in riots

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday decided that it will wait for the police to submit a report on the August 11 DG Halli violence before initiating action against any organisation. While the violence, the provocation for the riots and its aftermath were discussed at length during the cabinet meeting, the State Government will decide on the next course of action depending on what the police are able to provide in their report about the involvement of the Popular Front of India (PFI) and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will take up the issue of banning the PFI with the Centre, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. P7

Water Resources Department
Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited, Mysuru
On the auspicious occasion of
KRISHNARAJA SAGARA and KABINI Reservoirs
reaching its maximum level,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA
will offer customary Bagina to both the
dams and pooja to Goddess Cauvery
Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources,
Shri Ramesh Jarkiholi assesses the
developmental works.
Bagina offering programme at Krishnaraja Sagar
Date: 21.08.2020, Friday at 12.00 Noon
Venue : Near Shree Cauvery Statue of KRS
August presence
Shri Ramesh Jarkiholi
Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Govt., of Karnataka
Dr. K C Narayana Gowda
Hon'ble Minister of Municipal Administration, Horticulture and Sericulture Department and Incharge Minister for Mandya District, Govt., of Karnataka
Shri S.T. Somashekar
Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation and Incharge Minister for Mysuru, Govt., of Karnataka
Presided by
Shri Ravindra Srikantaiah
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Srirangapattana Constituency
Chief Guests
Smt. S. Nagarathna Swamy
Hon'ble President, Jilla Panchayat, Mandya
Smt. B.C. Parimala Shyam
Hon'ble President, Jilla Panchayat, Mysuru
Guests
Smt Sumalatha Ambarish
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Mandya
Shri Pratap Simha
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Mysuru, Kodagu Constituency
Bagina offering programme at Kabini Reservoir
Date: 21.08.2020, Friday at 1.00 P M
Venue: Kabini Reservoir, Beechanahalli, Heggadadevanakote Tq.
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Smt. M. Ashwini
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Shri Pratap Simha
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Mysuru, Kodagu Constituency
Shri V Srinivas Prasad
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Chamarajanagara Constituency
All are Welcome
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N Lakshman Rao Peshwe, K.E.S., Secretary, Water Resources Department
K. Jai Prakash K.E.S., Managing Director, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited
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